



June 27, 2011

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **Ex parte filing** in CC Docket No. 01-92; WC Docket Nos. 05-337, 07-135 and 10-90; and GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 27, Steve Merriam from Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Dave Dengel from Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Brenda Shepherd from Interior Telephone Company, Inc. and Mukluk Telephone Company, Inc., Alan Pedersen from Waimana Enterprises and I conducted an ex parte meeting with the following twelve individuals from the Wireline Competition Bureau: Carol Matthey, Al Lewis, Dan Ball, Victoria Goldberg, Raffi Melanson, John Hunter, Doug Sloten, Carol Matthey, Patrick Halley, Katie King, Gary Seigel, Brad Gillen, and Jenny Prime.

The ex parte meeting consisted of a discussion of the attached documents related to potential rule changes for tribal/native regions. The first document provides a draft of what we believe is the end-game solution set for Alaska and Hawaii by establishing a separate Tribal/Native Broadband Fund (TBF). If the Commission is unable to reach this point at the time of implementing initial National Broadband Plan (NBP) rule changes, we believe it will be necessary to provide a waiver of any potential USF rule changes for carriers operating in Alaska and Hawaii and we have provided a draft of what that could look like with the second document (27 pages) and a corresponding one page summary.

In this session, we also provided a copy of the Rural Task Force White Paper 2, *The Rural Difference*, so that it may become an official part of the record in these five dockets.

As required by the Commission's rules, this ex parte record is now filed in the above referenced dockets. If there are any questions, please call me on 503.612.4409.

Respectfully submitted,

Via ECFS 6/27/11

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Attachments